

Section 3 of the bill would establish definitions for public safety telecommunicator or telecommunicator and would describe the duties of the position; would define public safety telecommunicator academy as a training course of 160 hours approved and delivered by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

Section 4 would amend KRS 15.560 to define public safety telecommunicator academy; all telecommunicators, full-time and part-time, would be required to complete 8 hours of in-service training recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and would reduce from 12 months to 6 months from date of hiring to complete the training. The length of training required would be the same for the non-CJIS telecommunicators academy and the telecommunications academy.

HB 782 would have a minimal positive fiscal impact on local government law enforcement and public safety offices. Law enforcement personnel training, including telecommunicators, is funded by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. Development of online training would enable local law enforcement, first responder, and other telecommunicators to be trained online and in-house, reducing time away from their official duties. The bill would enable local governments to hire more part-time telecommunicators who could be more easily and conveniently trained online without having to take time off from other work.

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